(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government are considering the possibility of making a suitable provision in the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 to permit transfer of claims cases of migrant workmen to Compensation Commissioners of the native States. The State Governments of Bihar, Rajasthan etc. have suggested suitable amendment in the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Government of Orissa have specifically recommended omission of the words "unless all the parties to the proceedings agree to the transfer" from the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 21 of the Workmen's Compensation Act by a suitable amendment.

Increase in the Foreign Exchange Allocation to Newsprint Industry

2235. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Newsprint Industry is facing the shortage of imported Newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the arrangement made by Government to meet the requirements of imported newsprint;

(d) whether Government propose to increase foreign exchange allocation to the Newsprint Industry; and

(e) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): (a) and (b) Newsprint Industry is not facing shortage of imported newsprint.

(c) to (e) Government are importing newsprint through the State Trading Corporation of India to bridge the gap between indigenous production and consumption. Government have decided to release additional foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 95 crores to meet the requirement of imported newsprint.

Coverage to the News and Views of Opposition Parties by News Media

2236. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan and All India Radio do not give due coverage to the news and views of the opposition parties and leaders and these media only capitalise the negative aspects of the opposition for public consumption; and

(b) if not, what criteria Government adopt for the assessment of the news worthiness of the views of the opposition for broadcast and telecast through Doordarshan and All India Radio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) AIR and Doordarshan strictly adhere to the news policy and guidelines. The view points of the Ruling Party as well as the Opposition Parties are reported on the basis of their news value.

News Item Captioned 'Pepsico to Raise Stake as Project Scope Widens'

2237. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Project's scope has been widened substantially as reported in 'the Business Standard' of 13th July, 1989 under the Caption 'Pepsico to raise stake as project scope widens'; and

(b) if so, whether the soft drinks part of the project also increase substantially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING

INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) While the project cost of the Punjab Agro-Pepsico-Tata Joint venture project has increased from Rs. 22 crores to Rs. 50 crores as per the information furnished by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, there is no change in the capacities approved by the Government of India in the Letter of Intent issued to M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation in respect of the Punjab Agro-Pepsico-Tata joint venture.

Liberalisation of Policy for the Setting up of the FPI

2238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have liberalised the policy for setting up units in the food processing sectors;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the liberalisation policy announced by Government;

(e) to what extent this policy has helped MRTP and FERA companies; and

(d) to what extent the food processing sector is likely to be improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All food processing industries other than milk foods, malted food and flour and all items of packaging for food processing industries but excluding the items reserved for small scale sector have been included in the list of Appendix-I Industries. All Scheduled Industries falling under item 27(1) and 27(5) of the First Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 have been broad banded except those items reserved for small scale sector. Canned fruit and vegetable products, protein and processed food, vegetable based weaning rood, marine products and cattle feed have been delicensed for MRTP/FERA companies subject to certain conditions provided the industrial undertaking is located in a centrally declared backward area. MRTP companies have been exempted from the provisions of Section 21 and Section 22 of the MRTP Act subject to certain conditions in respect of the industries mentioned above.

(c) and (d) The liberalised policy will help MRTP and FERA companies to enter into food processing sector enabling economies of scale to be achieved and also take care of post harvest losses. It will also help in improving the production and export potential.

Review of Buffer Stock Programme for Edible Oils and Oil Seeds

2239. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank wants India to review its ambitious price support and buffer stock programme for edible oils and oilseeds launched only recently;

(b) if so, what are the main points the World Bank has asked for to review;

(c) whether Government have considered their views; and

(d) if so, to what extent the oilseeds price support plan has been reviewed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) The Report referred to is an internal document of the World Bank. The report is not published. The views and suggestions expressed in the report are those of the World Bank. The distribution of this Report by the Bank is restricted and the recipients of the report are not authorised to disclose its contents.

Reservation of Scrap for Industrial Units

2240. SHRI SUBHAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain percentage of the scrap produced by the Rourkela Steel